

THE EXPLOSION WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT.

That An Outside Agency Caused Horror Is Quite Clear.

TWO EXPLOSIONS ONE FOLLOW- ING THE OTHER.

This Fact Leads To the Conclusion That a Torpedo Was First Used and The Ves- sel's Magazines Were Thereby Fired--- Captain Sigsbee Said To Have Confirm- ed That Conclusion In a Dispatch--- Young Spaniards Suspected.

Washington, Feb. 17.—[Special]—The facts concerning the destruction of the United States battleship Maine are assuming a most sinister complexion.

Late dispatches, received from Havana by the state department all indicate more strongly than ever the fact that the boat was destroyed by a torpedo which was discharged under the ship as she lay at anchor.

This theory is corroborated by the fact that two explosions took place, the second being the greatest.

It is said that the torpedo was fired under the forward portion of the boat. This tore out the bow section, and is believed to be the explosion that caused the death of the sailors.

What Survivors Say.

The testimony of the survivors is to the effect that the first explosion threw the water high in the air.

This fact confirms the theory that the explosion was caused by some outside agency and not by an internal upheaval.

The second exploding was the one that shook the city, and alarmed everybody in the vicinity.

Sigsbee's Alleged Report.

Just before noon it was reported that a dispatch had been received at the navy department from Capt. Sigsbee that the ship was destroyed by a floating torpedo.

Dispatches from Key West say that it was reported at that city this morning that divers at Havana had found strong evidence that a torpedo was used. It was claimed that a plate was found with an eight-inch hole through it, the edges of which had been turned inward.

Suspect Volunteers.

Reports from Havana give the idea that the Havana Volunteers composed of rabid young Spaniards might have been responsible for the explosion.

Wrecking vessels have been sent to Havana. The financial loss to the United States will be nearly five million dollars.

DO NOT CREDIT THE STORY

Authorities Question the Truth of Key West Dispatches

Washington, Feb. 17.—[Special]—The report from Key West that examination of the hull of the Maine had been made by divers, and the report issued that evidences of the use of a torpedo had been found, is not considered very reliable here, although the report is not authoritatively denied.

As an argument against the truth of the rumor, however, the fact is pointed out that such an investigation would not have been permitted without the authority of either Spain or the United States.

However, the United States might have given such authority in a cypher dispatch, and received an answer in the same manner.

SAY SPANIARDS EXULTED

Cries and Jeers Heard 'Mid the Death Screams of Victims.

Havana, Feb. 17.—[Special]—The latest story of the disaster to the Maine is to the effect that after the explosion screams and cries were heard coming from the Maine.

Mingled with the screams of the dead and the wounded were the jeers of Spaniards.

Some of them are said to have shouted:

"We will have good fishing in the bay tomorrow!"

After the explosion the ship began

to burn fiercely. Every few moments a shell would explode scattering the burning debris about.

The wounded sailors in the hospitals here say the explosion was not an accident.

SAYS THE REPORT IS TRUE

Correspondent of the Associated Press Brought Dispatches

Washington, Feb. 17.—[Special]—2:30 p. m.—The Key West bulletin regarding the finding of the hole in the bottom of a plate of the Maine and referring to the work of a torpedo was sent to the White House by the Associated Press and was shown to President McKinley.

His only comment was that it was the first he had heard of it.

The report was brought to Key West from Havana in person by a correspondent of the Associated Press, who came on the Orient.

He reports that the divers have found an 8 inch percussion hole in the outer plates of the wrecked battleship proving conclusively that she was sunk by a torpedo.

SENATE ASKS INFORMATION

Resolution Is Introduced But Deferred Until Tomorrow.

Washington, Feb. 17.—[Special]—Congress is beginning to fret over the Main horror, and the fact that the members are deeply interested cannot be concealed. Nothing was said about the accident yesterday, but today, in the senate, a resolution was introduced demanding to know what steps had been taken by the government to investigate the cause of the mishap.

The resolution, however, was not acted upon, but was laid over until tomorrow in hopes that something else would "turn up" in the meantime.

Washington, Feb. 17.—[Special]—Senators Burrows, Quay and Penrose listened intently to the Key West dispatch, and realized its importance as bearing upon the cause of the disaster, but were not willing to hazard an opinion in regard to it.

Wounded Sailors' Talk.

Key West, Feb. 17.—[Special]—The Steamer Olivet arrived here this morning from Havana, with some of the survivors of the Maine horror. Two of the men died enroute.

The men were forbidden to talk. Some, however, have broken the rule, and they say that the explosion was not accidental.

The number of wounded brought here by the Olivet was thirty-five.

Cleveland Mourns.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 17.—[Special]—Ex-President Cleveland expresses extreme regret for the Maine horror, and says that the public should accept the accident theory until the cause of the explosion is fully explained.

Order To Vizcaya.

Madrid, Feb. 17.—[Special]—Premier Sagasta has sent a cable to the Spanish Charge d' Affaires in America, to instruct the captain of the cruiser Vizcaya to "be prepared to avoid all eventualities."

Vizcaya Expected Today.

New York, Feb. 17.—[Special]—The Spanish armed cruiser Vizcaya is expected to arrive in this port some time today.

The authorities of Depere have brought suit against Brown county for \$478 39 which the county board refused to allow the city in 1895.

THE STORY IN PARAGRAPHS

Washington, Feb. 17.—[Special]—It may be authoritatively stated that all the facts justify the belief that the United States war vessel, Maine, was destroyed by an explosion that occurred outside of her hull. This would indicate that a torpedo or a mine was the agency used. This fact seems to be more definitely settled each moment.

The Havana Volunteers, an organization of young Spaniards, are suspected of having done the work.

The Spanish authorities have ordered an investigation, and summoned Capt. Sigsbee as a witness.

A Court of Inquiry has been appointed to investigate.

The report that evidences of a torpedo had been discovered was not credited at the capital, as such investigation could not be made without due authority from the government.

A resolution asking for information was introduced in the senate today, but deferred until tomorrow.

HOT TALK BY GENERAL BRAGG

Says That Were He In Command He Would Shell Havana.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Feb. 16.—General E. S. Bragg expressed himself clearly this afternoon in regard to the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor. In an interview he said:

"It's just like those Spaniards. They are treacherous devils whom no one can trust, and have been so all these centuries. You can't judge them by our standard, but must gauge them by their own. They will do anything. It is barely possible that the deed was committed, however, by the junta, who would stop at nothing to plunge this country into war with Spain."

The general was asked, "What, in your opinion, will be the outcome of this affair, or, rather, what do you think the United States government will do?"

"I don't have much idea what will be done by the state department in the light of the so-called diplomacy exhibited recently by Judge Day, but I know what I would do if I were in command at the Havana harbor. I would shell the town take it and set it on fire. After the flames were well under way I would advise the government at Washington what I had done. They might remove me from command, but the Cuban problem would be settled completely."

The general left this forenoon for Westminster, Md., for a visit of a week with his old friend, Canon E. B. Taylor and will go from there on the 22d to Fredericksburg, Va., to be present at the meeting of the incorporators of the monument association recently organized for the purpose of pushing plans for the erection of a monument on the famous battle field near that place.

WISCONSIN NEWS IN BRIEF.

Fifteen workmen in the Hartman trunk factory at Racine have struck for a restoration of a 10 per cent. reduction in their wages which was made some time ago. The men claim that when the reduction was made the management of the factory promised to restore it when the times got better. The proprietors say that no promise was made.

Mrs. C. Cummings of Marinette lost her house by fire Monday night. The family of three had barely time to escape from the building after awaking. Mr. Cummings, a nephew, was overcome by the smoke and had to be dragged out of the house.

The following deaths have occurred in the state: Mrs. Warren Barnes of Wautoma; Clarence Broughton of Baraboo, aged 56; Josiah Edleman, a resident of Monroe for fifty years, aged 88; Mrs. Christiana Malzahn of Wilmamstown, aged 80.

Steps have been taken to establish the old ladies' home at Oshkosh which was provided for in the will of the late Mrs. John H. Palmeter, who left \$60,000 for the project. The building is to cost over \$15,000. Sarah Morrison is president of the board of directors.

The Duke and Duchess of Duval, who live in Paris, passed through Oshkosh on their way to the gold country in Alaska. The duke purchased some claims near Dawson when the discovery was first made, and he is on his way to see what they amount to.

The Polish Catholics of Green Bay have purchased the old Catholic church at that place, and after it has been blessed by Bishop Mesmer, it will be used by them as a place of worship. Many improvements will be made.

E. W. Ihrig, proprietor of the Pabst exchange at Oshkosh, has made an assignment. The assets are \$700.

WISCONSIN MEN ON BOARD

Lieutenant Jungen Was a Native of La Crosse—Waukesha Man Present

La Crosse, Wis., Feb. 17.—The senior lieutenant of the cruiser Maine is Carl W. Jungen, a native of La Crosse, who was appointed to the Naval academy by the late Senator Cameron. Louis V. Bennett, teller of the Batavian bank, and J. C. Bennett, a university graduate now teaching in Minneapolis, are his cousins. His brother, Frank Jungen, is a traveling man, with headquarters in Minneapolis.

Waukesha Man There

Waukesha, Wis., Feb. 17.—Local interest attaches to the destruction of the battleship Maine, from the fact that Fred Paige, a brother of E. H. Paige, the well-known bicycle rider of this city, was one of the crew.

GOV. SCOFIELD'S OPINION

Does Not Think the Incident of An International Aspect.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 16.—To the Editor of The Times-Herald: I do not think the incident has the serious international aspect that many people do. It appears on investigation that the ship was blown up by a torpedo placed by agents of the Spanish government, the matter would be serious, but the American people have too much good sense to hold the Spaniards responsible for the accident unless they are clearly proved so. There are many jingoes who will wish to take advantage of the incident, but they are not likely to receive much support.

EDWARD SCOFIELD.

Wisconsin News in Brief

The Kimberley and Clark company of Kaukauna, is making a deal with the Quinnesec Falls Paper company for its water power and pulp mills at Quinnesec with 1,000 acres of adjoining land which gives exclusive use of the power at that place. The amount of money involved in the deal is not known, but is supposed to be about \$300,000.

Prof. Marsh of Ripon college is overseeing a survey which is being made of the bottom of Green lake. The greatest depth of water that has yet been found is 217 feet at a place called Sugar Loaf point.

It is thought at Green Bay that a fisherman has found the wreck of the Alvin Clark, a large schooner, which capsized in a storm in the 60's. The wreck was never located or it would have been raised.

T. Schlinger, W. W. Perry, William Peterson and John Kehoe have been arranged at Merrimac charged with running "blind pigs." Schlinger was fined \$50. The others were discharged for lack of evidence.

Receiver Clarence Dennis and R. gister George Kuntz of the Ashland land office, have turned over the office to their successors, Neil Auley of Phillips, and August Doenitz of Ashland.

The Madison Electric Railway company was reorganized at a meeting of the stockholders of the road which was held in Madison. F. W. Oakley of Madison, was elected president.

The school board of Oshkosh has decided to recommend that the council appropriate \$50,000 for building an addition to the high school and for a new school building of ten rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blake of Baraboo, celebrated the fifty-ninth anniversary of their wedding. The couple were among the first settlers of the city.

G. B. Dauben has brought suit against the Sterling Cycle Works of Kenosha for \$5,000 damages for the loss of a finger in the factory a few weeks ago.

Miss Annie Borich of Rockland and John Hyak of Brillion, were married

Spanish Authorities Take Charge Of The Investigation.

WILL LOOK INTO THE CAUSES OF THE HORROR.

Captain Sigsbee Is Summoned To Appear Before a Military Judge To Answer Questions Concerning the Explosion By Admiral Monteola---Bodies Are Recov- ered and The Remains of Fifteen of The Victims Were Interred Today.

Havana, Feb. 17.—[Special]—The Spanish authorities have evidently taken charge of an investigation of the Maine horror.

It is authoritatively announced that Admiral Monteola has summoned Captain Sigsbee to appear before a military judge and answer questions concerning the explosion.

Another man-of-war is expected here tonight.

All evidences of the use of a torpedo will be preserved for use at the inquiry ordered by Admiral Monterole, of the Spanish fleet, at Havana.

104 Were Saved.

Havana, Feb. 17.—[Special]—The list of the men saved now contains 104 names.

FIFTY DIE IN A MINE

Fearful Accident Is Reported In a Mine In Germany and Scores Killed.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—[Special]—A fire damp explosion in a Westphalian colliery has resulted in fifty deaths.

WHEAT SENT TO \$1.07

War Rumors Result In an Advance In Price on Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—[Special]—Exciting war rumors have driven wheat to \$1.07.

Pensions For Wisconsin People.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Pensions have been granted to the residents of Wisconsin as follows: Original—Edward Jenks ns, Neenah, \$6; Orzo Thompson, Bruce, \$6; Samuel R. Woodruff, Needah, \$8; Abraham Brunner, National Military home, Milwaukee, \$8; Charles Ponce, Military home, Milwaukee Increase—William Higgins, National Home, Milwaukee, \$6 to \$8; Herman Snyder, Platteville, \$8 to \$12.

Farmer's Institute at Belmont.

Platteville, Wis., Feb. 17.—A number of prominent stock and dairy-men are in attendance at the Lafayette county farmers' institute at Belmont. Conductor H. A. Briggs pronounces it the most successful one held by him this season. Over 100 farmers and their wives attended yesterday's sessions and the hall was entirely too small for the evening session. Supt. McKerrow spoke on sheep and economical feeding at this afternoon's session.

Berlin Pioneer Passes Away.

Berlin, Wis., Feb. 17.—Benjamin Saxton, an old pioneer resident of the town of Berlin, died at his home, at the age of eighty-three years.

Improvement Company Dissolves.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 17.—The Fond du Lac avenue and Lake Street investment company filed notice of dissolution.

New Postmaster for Lloyd.

Washington, Feb. 17.—W. H. Smyth has been appointed postmaster at Lloyd, Wis., in place of Jennie Anderson, removed.

Little Prairie Pioneer Dead.

Palmyra, Wis., Feb. 17.—John Watson, aged sixty-five, a pioneer settler and for many years a resident of Little Prairie, died of heart failure.

Woodman Killed by Falling Tree.

Maniatique, Mich., Feb. 17.—Matthew Haley, aged forty-five, employed in the Chicago Lumbering company's camp, was killed yesterday, by a falling tree.

Madison Street Railway Bonds.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 17.—The Madison Street railway company will soon issue 5 per cent bonds to the amount of \$150,000.

William McDermott is charged with using undue influence with the late Margaret Somervall of Fond du Lac, when she had her will drawn, and the will is being contested.

Havana, Feb. 17.—[Special]—At six o'clock this morning the bodies of only twenty-one of the two hundred and fifty men who lost their lives had been recovered.

Two headless bodies and a quantity of fragments of human remains have been recovered from the water.

Fifteen members of the crew, whose bodies were washed ashore yesterday will be buried today in the ground donated by the Bishop of Havana for that purpose.

It is not known what steps will be taken for the relief of the heirs of the victims.

MANY DIE ON ICE FLOE

Two Hundred People Thought To Have Lost Their Lives On Finland Coast.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—[Special]—An immense tract of ice on the coast of Finland was carried out to sea yesterday. Two hundred fishermen and many horsemen were on the floe and it is believed that all perished.

GLADSTONE LEAVES

Graud Old Man Is Now on His Way Home From Cannes, France.

Cannes, Feb. 17.—[Special]—W. E. Gladstone and family started for England last night. Mr. Gladstone is still suffering slightly.

ANTI HORSE THIEF MEETING

Annual Meeting of the Beloit Organization Held and Officers Chosen

Beloit, Wis., Feb. 17.—The Beloit Anti Horse Thief association has elected R. M. Turner, president and E. H. Brown captain of the police force. The association is nearly thirty years old. There are 200 members, and the pledge of the association is to pursue a thief until captured, in which the organization has been very successful.

Brings Suit for \$5,000

Green Bay, Wis., Feb. 17.—John Johnson has brought suit against the Northwestern Fuel company for \$5,000 for injuries alleged to have been received while in the employ of the company.

Called to a Church in Kansas

Marinette, Wis., Feb. 17.—The Rev. J. L. Counterline, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church here, has received a call from a church at Atchison, Kan. He will accept. He is now in Vinton, Ia.

Rich Strikes on Seine River

West Superior, Wis., Feb. 17.—A party of Superior men, just back from the Seine river gold country, report that they have made rich strikes there. Among them are J. H. Hills and G. H. Hillyer.

Workhouse for Chippewa County.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Feb. 17.—Nine bids have been received for the building of the county workhouse. The contract will be awarded to Duncan McMillan on his bid of \$1,013.

Another Adjournment in Sharp Case.

Oconto, Wis., Feb. 17.—The case of Mrs. Sharp, charged with throwing acid in the face of City Attorney Lynch, was called again today, and adjourned until Thursday of next week.

Grant D. Duffin.

Whitewater, Wis., Feb. 17.—Grant D. Duffin, a farmer of Hart Prairie and a brother of L. A. Duffin of this city, was buried yesterday.

Diphtheria At Marinette.

Marinette, Wis., Feb. 17.—Diphtheria has again broken out in the Park school district. Several cases have been reported.

Superior Man Appointed to Office.

West Superior, Wis., Feb. 17.—W. M. St. ele has been appointed assisted district attorney of Douglas county.

RAISE CUBAN LEAF DOWN IN FLORIDA

EXILES FROM THE ISLAND GROW TOBACCO.

The Product Is Sold as "Genuine Havana" and Brought Thirteen Million Dollars Last Year—Facts Are Of Interest to Rock County Weed Producers Given.

Rock county tobacco growers will be interested in the facts given by Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department, who has returned to the city from a week's visit to Florida, where he went at the suggestion of the president to study the production of that country. In an interview concerning his observations there the secretary spoke as follows:

"The most striking development I found in Florida was the growth of the tobacco interest. Within the last few years 40,000 Cubans have come over from their native country, many of whom had been life-long tobacco growers, curers and cigarmakers who understand the art from the planting of the seed to the marketing of the cigar. The Cubans recognize the hummock lands of Florida as being very similar to the best tobacco land in Cuba.

Took in \$13,000,000.

"The state statistics show that the Cubans sold last year 16,000,000 cigars, and the sales of tobacco in all its forms brought Cubans \$13,000,000. The United States still pays to Cuba, Sumatra, Mexico and other countries \$17,000,000 for tobacco. Thus the Floridian is reaching out for, notwithstanding the people get 16,000,000 cigars annually from Florida, scarcely such a thing is to be found on the market as a Florida cigar. They all come north under the Havana name. I found very much the same condition of affairs in the north regarding the Florida cigar as I found in London regarding the American butter. The consumer in London is well satisfied that the American butter is the finest that ever went on his table. The northern epicure, after smoking his cigar, will testify very readily that nothing equals his fine Havana. Then if you have evidence to prove that it was grown, cured and manufactured in Florida, you will convince him, but not otherwise. I made efforts to buy a box of Cuban cigars grown, cured and manufactured in Florida, but only in one instance was able to do so."

How to Cure Leaf.

In connection with the tobacco industry inquiry Secretary Wilson said he was forcibly reminded of the work done during the past few years by the agricultural experiment stations in mastering the principles that underlie the flavoring of butter and ripening of cheese. After the tobacco had been grown it is fairly well understood that fermentation along several lines produces the characteristic of the product and just as several cheeses are given their peculiar taste through bacterial action, so unquestionably tobaccos grown and manufactured in different sections of the country are flavored by different kinds of bacteria.

He expressed the belief that neither the Cubans nor the Americans in Florida knew anything about the principles that underlie the curing of the several tobaccos, but said that Dr. Stockbridge, in charge of the experimental stations at Lake City, fully realizes the requirements of the situation. He has inaugurated a series of research regarding fertilizing and what goes on during the process of fermentation. Potash and phosphoric acid are, the secretary said, required in the production of tobacco. The acid exists in Florida in abundance, nitrogen can be had through growing leguminous crops, and as the potash is found below the salt deposits of the German mines the secretary asked whether it might also be found in this country below the salt deposits. The tobacco raiser must have it.

Straight Farming Pays

The secretary also looked into the orange industry, and expresses the belief that there is no tropical belt in Florida. Frost will come occasionally and injure the fruit, but he believed that protection might be had for the Florida orange, as it sold very high compared with fruit from any other country. The pineapple industry was prospering, and was very profitable, and the small fruit industry was quite important. The ribbon sugar cane, he thought, would also succeed in Florida whenever the culture of it was undertaken systematically.

Mr. Wilson believed there were certainly openings for industrious people in Florida. Jacksonville people had to pay ten cents a quart for their milk and it would be a very good

OLD TIME SONGS ARE HEARD AGAIN

CHARMING CONCERT GIVEN
LAST EVENING.

Musical Literary Club's Entertainment
At the Congregational Church Was
A Great Success and a Goodly
Audience Appreciated It Fully—
The Rebekahs' Masque Ball

Old time compositions made up the program presented by the Musical-Literary club at the Congregational church last evening, and a goodly audience enjoyed the music fully. The Motet club made its first public appearance. Prof. Kowalski acted as leader, and the chorus "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" was charmingly rendered. Vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Cora Anderson: Mrs. S. B. Lewis, George G. Paris, Mrs. E. M. Hyzer, Harry Robinson, Mrs. Christine Hawley, Miss Mabel Lewis, Miss Franc Edwards and M. G. Jeffris, while instrumental selections were rendered by Mrs. James F. Fildes, Miss Ada Pond, Miss Sophie Weisend, George Baumann, Mrs. J. F. Sweeney, and Mrs. Mary Stever. Duets were sung by Mrs. Menzies, and Prof. J. G. Taylor and Miss Palmer and Miss Abbott. Mrs. Hawley, Miss Spoon, William Garbutt and G. G. Paris sang "Come Where the Lillies Bloom."

Male Quartette.

Dr. Pember, G. N. Vankirk, G. G. Paris and J. G. Taylor made up a male quartette. The old time favorite "Sweet and Low" was sung by Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Hawley, O. N. Vankirk and G. G. Paris, while the closing number was "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming" by Mrs. Menzies, Miss Spoon, Mr. Garbutt and Mr. Paris.

M. G. Jeffris solo. "The Warrior Bold" was the hit of the evening. Mr. Jeffris sang in costume, and surprised his friends with the strength and sweetness of his voice. The solo was very effectively rendered, and liberal applause was given him. Two big cabbage heads embellished with streamers, were presented him, and he turned the joke by presenting one to Mrs. Sweeney, who accompanied his song on the piano, and the other to Mrs. Fildes, who played the organ accompaniment.

Miss Lewis' solo was rendered with charming grace, and despite the rule that no encores be given, she was compelled to bow acknowledgments. The program:

Part I.

1. Come Where the Lillies Bloom. Mrs. Hawley, Miss Spoon, Mr. Garbutt and Mr. Paris.

2. Waiting. Miss Cora Anderson.

3. Battle of Waterloo. Mrs. James Fildes.

4. Sweet Genevieve. Mrs. Stephen B. Lewis.

5. Moonlight on the Lake. Dr. Pember, Mr. Vankirk, Mr. Paris and Mr. Taylor.

6. Recollections of Home. Miss Ada Pond.

7. When I Know That Thou Art Near Me. Mrs. Menzies, Mr. Taylor.

8. Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep. George Paris.

9. The Last Hope. Miss Sophie Weisend.

10. Bonnie Sweet Bessie. Mrs. E. M. Hyzer.

11. Chorus—Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. Motet club under direction of J. H. Kowalski.

Part II.

1. Selections from "The Bohemian Girl." George Baumann.

2. Nancy Lee. Harry Robinson.

3. Sweet and Low. Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Hawley, Mr. Vankirk, Mr. Paris.

4. The Last Rose of Summer. Mrs. Hawley.

5. Invitation to the Waltz. Mrs. J. F. Sweeney.

6. I Would That My Love. Miss Elizabeth Abbott, Miss Elizabeth Palmer.

7. Katy's Letter. Miss Mabel Lewis.

8. Annie Laurie. Miss Franc Edwards.

9. The Mocking Bird. Mrs. Mary Stever.

10. Bonnie Sweet Bessie. Malcolm G. Jeffris.

11. Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming. Mrs. Menzies, Miss Spoon, Mr. Garbutt, Mr. Paris.

Accompanists, Stever, Lewis, Fildes, Sweeney, Clark, Miss Weisend and Prof. Kowalski.

THE REBEKAHS' MASQUE BALL.

Largest Attendance of the Season at the Armory Last Night.

The masque ball given by the Daughters of Rebekah at the Armory last evening, was the most largely attended affair of the kind given in Janesville this season. The big hall was crowded with spectators and maskers. A gypsy outfit attracted much attention, the party being composed of George Winslow, Daniel Ennis, Daniel Dwyer, Harry Stanton, M. J. Stanton, Ella Bidwell and Mabel Morse. This "outfit" was awarded the gentlemen's prize—a smoking set.

The first prize for the lady having the best home-made costume was awarded to Mrs. Harry M. Keating, who impersonated an old lady; the second prize, a silver spoon, was given to Mrs. W. A. Tucker, who took the part of Mother Goose. There was a difference of opinion among the judges on the awarding of the second prize, some of them being in favor of Mrs. James Root, who represented an Indian squaw, so it was decided to give Mrs. Root a silver spoon also.

E. F. Hemming was given the second prize for gentlemen, his make-up as a hod carrier being an excellent one.

Sam's orchestra furnished delightful music, while the judicial bench was composed of Otis H. Brand, chief justice, and associate justices E. M. Hardy, Robert M. Bostwick, George D. Simpson and W. W. Watt.

THE PROGRAM FOR TONIGHT

PRAYER meetings.

YUBA Circle Golden band.

MARRIED Folks' dancing club.

Union prayer meeting at First M. E. church.

JANESVILLE Chapter No. 5, R. A. M. meets tonight.

CURES HEADACHE QUICK.

Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache. 25c.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Five hundred dance or masquerade invitations with envelopes \$3 at Gazette Job Rooms.

Now is the time to get your old plows and farm implements in shape for spring. Heller & Newton, Park street.

BEST hard coal, all sizes \$6.20; just received direct from the mines, fine all rail coal, clean and bright, W. H. Bone-steel, rear postoffice. Anti Combine Agt.

BEST hard Scranton and Lehigh coal First grade stock only, no rubbish. William Bugge, 6 Academy street.

GRANITE and marble monuments as good as the best; as low as the lowest. First class work and material. Get my prices. F. A. Bennett.

SUITS \$18, pants \$4. Good fit and workmanship are guaranteed. Pressing and repairing on short notice. Fred Feltz, 12 Corn Exchange.

EXTRA fine yellow daffodils, cinerarias, colors that can't be beat. Azaliae a sight to look at. Rentachler Bros., 214 South Main street. Tel. 181.

PRIMROSES 15 to 20c, Cinerarias 25 to 50c. These are the most satisfactory planer for winter blooming, at Rentachler Bros., 214 S. Main street.

RIVERSIDE Hotel—On May the first the holder of the most coupons will get a gold watch free. Anybody spending a nickel at the bar will get a coupon.

Now is the time to oil your harness. Pure neatfoot oil 75 cents per gallon at W. H. Hall's harness store, corner Main and Court streets. Large stock.

Good York denim overalls 39 cents. High cash prices hides, pelts, furs, tallow. Bags and iron goods called for on notification. Cohn Bros. 112 W. Mil. St.

Spring suits and overcoats are now in. Order at once. You will get better bargains. Suits, \$11 up; overcoats, \$11 up; pants, \$3 up. T. Anderson, 122 W. Mil St.

JANESVILLE NEWS IN BRIEF

PRAYER meeting tonight.

This is the third Thursday of the month.

JANESVILLE Chapter, No. 5 R. A. M. meets this evening.

THE Married Folks Dancing club will enjoy a social tonight.

This is the regular meeting night for Yuba Circle Golden Band.

SUPT. F. R. Moulton, of the C. & N. W. is nursing a sprained ankle.

A DELEGATION of Janesville young people visited Misses Leo and Mabel Westlake at Edgerton last night. The party included: Misses Ada Fenton, Libbie Stoller, Myrtle Dewey, Kathryn Fenton, Gussie Granger, Messrs. Len Matthews, Will Dougherty, M. C. Stoller, Harry Baker, M. S. Stoller.

A rural couple went to Marine to recently to be married. They started in search of a justice to perform the ceremony, and after some time that individual was found in a barn basement inspecting a defunct double-headed calf which had been exciting the curiosity of sightseers. The couple announced their intentions and were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock on the spot, the groom puffing at a cigarette during the ceremony.

MISS GENEVIEVE BROWN was pleasantly surprised at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, last evening. The guests included: Edith Loomis, Mary Stevens, Bertha Hogan, Teresa Baker, Marie Murphy, Grace Conroy, Mae Merritt, Laura Bunn, Kittie Dolan, Gertrude Brown, Sadie Knipp, Mabel Rustad, Pauline Bates, Lillian Crowley, Sadie Bates, Nellie Morris, Bessie Devins, Irene Crowley, Kittie Blunk, Kittie Joyce, Sadie Joyce, Hannah Stearns, Madge Feeley, Grace Valentine, John Devins.

VETERANS TO GET TOGETHER

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1525—Charles de Guise (Cardi-
nal de Lorraine) born at
Jouville, France; died 1574.
1564—Michael Angelo Buonar-
roti, painter, sculptor and
architect, died; born 1475.
1675—Jean Baptiste Poquelin
Moliere, French comic ac-
tor and author, died; born
1622.
1806—Giovanni Battista Casti,
Italian poet, died; born CARDINAL LOR-
RAINE.
1809—Rear Admiral Augustus Ludlow Case, U.
S. N., died in Washington; born 1813.
1897—Rear Admiral Edmund R. Calhoun, U.
S. N., retired, died in Washington; aged
75. John I. Baker, known as the "Sage of
Essex," one of the founders of the Republi-
can party, at Beverly, Mass.; aged 85. Gen-
eral Alfred Pleasonton, a noted Federal
leader, died in Washington; aged 73.



WEATHER FORECAST.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—[Special.]—
Forecast for Wisconsin:
Cold wave tonight or tomorrow.

FACTS IN A FEW LINES.

Birthdays were kept even as far back
as the time of Pharaoh.

More than 1,000,000 people are treat-
ed in the hospitals of London each year.

The average length of human life in the
sixteenth century was only 18 to 20
years.

An ounce of vanadium is worth \$775
and can be purchased only by 37 ounces
of gold.

The preparation of human hair for the
market gives employment to 7,000
Parisians.

One of the great kitchens is that of
the Hotel Cecil, London, where 80 cooks
are employed.

In Chile and the Argentine Republic
it is not an infrequent thing to see wo-
men car conductors.

The longest artificial water course in
the world is the Bengal canal, 900
miles; next is the Erie, 363.

Part of the tombstone over his moth-
er's grave fell on a little child in a
Jackson (Tenn.) cemetery and broke his
leg.

Keys of bronze and iron have been
found in Greece and Italy dating from
at least the seventh century before
Christ.

Of the books taken for perusal from
the public libraries of Paris, London
and New York 50 per cent are works
of fiction.

The total revenue of the charitable
institutions having their headquarters
in London amounted last year to over
\$6,000,000.

Some sheep were frightened by dogs
at Grenoble, France, and 242 blindly
"followed their leader" over a precipice
150 feet high.

Last year Italy exported 21,000 an-
tique and modern works of art, valued
at \$600,000. More than half of them
went to Germany.

The Turkish minister of public works
has submitted proposals to the sultan
for the construction of about 4,500
miles of new railway lines.

In Finland women have the right of
suffrage. They usurp men's privileges
and are carpenters, paper hangers,
bricklayers and slaughtermen.

The annual income of the czar is
\$17,500,000, of the Austrian kaiser \$7,-
500,000, of the German kaiser \$5,000,-
000 and of the king of Italy \$3,000,000.

The queen's bodyguard for Scotland,
the royal company of archers, contain
the pink of Scottish nobility, whose es-
tates are in the Lothians or on the bor-
ders.

In some parts of New Zealand orange
growing is a very profitable industry.
Sometimes the crop from an acre of
trees amounts in value to more than
\$1,000.

There are several new trades in Paris.
You find dog doctors, dog dentists, dog
barbers and dog dressmakers advertised
in the newspapers, and they seem to be
well patronized.

In Belgium no person is allowed to
vote unless he is a taxpayer to the
amount of 40 francs a year. This law
makes the voters only 21 out of every
1,000 of population.

In Paris the trees on the public streets
are treated with as much attention as
are the plants in botanical gardens.
Officials look after their welfare, and as
a result the streets are beautiful and
comfortable.

The daily water supply of London is
175,149,188 gallons, of which about
90,000,000 gallons are drawn from the
river Thames and a little over 85,000,-
000 from the river Lea and from various
artesian wells.

There are more women in British
India (124,000,000) than there are men,
women and children in Great Britain,
France and Germany put together, with
the populations of several minor Euro-
pean states cast in as well.

He Was Sure of It.



Shortsighted and Irritable Old Lady
—Now, old stoopid, you're sure that's
my trunk this time?
Satirical Baggage man—Oh, yes,
mum, sure of it! If you'd only told me
of the name on it, I'd have found it at
once.

Changed His Mind.

Judge—Why did you commit this un-
provoked assault?
Prisoner—I wanted to get my picture
in the papers.
Judge—Well, will you be good if I
let you go?
Prisoner—I am afraid not. I now
want to kill the artists who made the
pictures.—New York Journal.

Where to Find Him.

Browne—Did you ever see a man who
really wanted the earth?
Towne—Oh, yes!
Browne—Who was he?
Towne—A first trip passenger on an
ocean liner.—Brooklyn Life.

The Alternative.

"I'm sorry, madam, but it's against
the rules of the house. I can't exchange
that goods again."
"But my husband doesn't like it."
"Why not exchange your husband?"
—Fliegende Blätter.

How It Was.

Gothamite—Does her constant sing-
ing in the flat annoy you?
Harlemite—Not so much as the con-
stant flat in her singing.—New York
Sunday Journal.

The Voice of Experience.

"What a dear little craft that wife
of yours is, eh, Dobson, old boy?"
"Dear? I should say so! She's so dear
I call her my revenue cutter."—Rich-
mond Dispatch.

Making a Precedent.

Stage Manager—Oh, people don't do
that way in real life!
Great Actress—No, but they will
after they see me.—Detroit Journal.

His Rank.

"Is there any rank higher than that
of Emperor William?"
"No, I guess he is the rankiest."—
New York World.

Taking Things as They Come.

"One of the advantages of bicycling,"
she said after the collision, "is that
you meet so many people."—Town
Topics.

In Reminiscent Mood.

There it lies, a dainty kerchief,
Sweet remembrance treasured dear,
Softest linen, frail creation,
Fondest trophy of the year.

Whilst I pause and gaze upon it,
Whilst my eyes the pattern trace,
There arises rarest perfume
From its folds into my face.

Back into the past it leads me,
Seats me silent by her chair,
Gives me just one taste of heaven
As I kiss the lips that dare.

Once again—but, pshaw, what folly!
Love is fickle, all allow,
And I can but gaze and wonder,
Who steals Bessie's kerchiefs now.

—W. Hull Western in Up to Date

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home from one of your own citizens.

"I wish I had a voice which could be
heard throughout the length and breadth
of this continent, that I might speak to the
army of sufferers who are being tortured
by the disease with which I have been af-
flicted for years. I have been an intense
sufferer for several years and everyone who has
had that disease knows the extreme agony
I must have endured. I ching burning,
scratching, digging and loss of sleep has
been my deplorable condition. Four of our
best physicians had exhausted their energies
on my case, without even giving me relief.
Oh, what a godsend to me when one of our
druggists called my attention to that won-
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that it would do what skillful hands had
completely failed in doing. Suffice it to say
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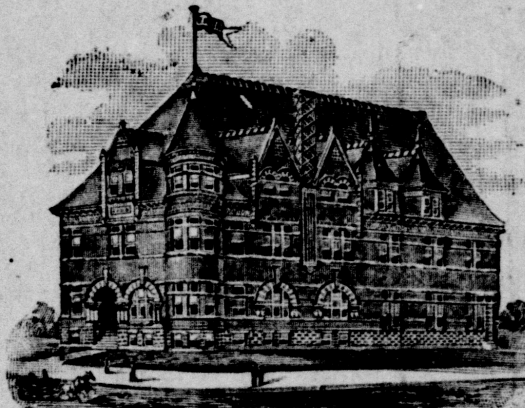
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at our cost sale. Our
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days. We bought heavily
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Reindeer Yellow Cal. Peaches 20c
per can.....

Fancy Yellow Crawford Cal. 15c
Peaches, per can.....

Monarch extra Lemon Cling 35c
Peaches, per can.....

Put up in pure granulated sugar syrup.
Richelieu extra White Cling 35c
Peach, per can.....

Put up in cordial: finest article put up.
Richelieu extra sliced 35c
Peaches for cream.....

Derby Cal. Apricots, 2 for 13c
25c; per can.....

In sugar syrup; regular price 15c can.
Golden Seal Cal. Apricots in 13c
sugar syrup, 2 for 25c; can..

Yuba Apricots in sugar syrup, 15c
per can.....

Regular 18c qualities.
Monarch Red Kidney Beans, 10c
per can.....

This is a special price; usually sells at
13c; 2 for 25c.

Early June Sweet Peas, 10c 25c
can; 3 for.....

Over 200 cases sold last season. Every
can that went from the store made us a
friend or customer.

Russian Sweet Peas, 15c
per can.....

These goods never retailed heretofore
less than 20c. We make them special.

Sifted Early June Peas, 10c
per can.....

Richelieu Sugar Peas, 20c
per can.....

True to name; quality never varies.
Imported French Peas, can, 20c
Jules Dupont's extra fine..

Imported French Peas, 10c
per can.....

A very fine one at the price but not as
good as Dupont's.

White Owl Sweet Corn, 7c
per can.....

These are especially fine at this price
and always sell at 10c.

Country Gentleman Sweet 10c
Corn per can.....

Monarch Sweet Corn, 2 for 13c
25c, per can.....

Richelieu Sweet Corn, 2 for 13c
25c; per can.....

Richelieu Asparagus Tips, 25c
per can.....

Fancy Bartlett Pears, 15c
per can.....

Charter Oak Bartlett Pears, 20c
6 for \$1.00; per can.....

Reindeer White Cal. Cher- 25c
ries, per can.....

Reindeer Black Cherries, 25c
per can.....

Reindeer Royal Aim Cher- 38c
ries, very fine, per can.....

Richelieu Preserved Cher- 35c
ries, red, pitted, per can...

Monarch Crabapples in 10c
sugar syrup, extra fine....

Wholesale price today is \$1.75 a dozen.
Monarch and Batavia Ap- 25c
ples, per gallon can.....

Two best brands: this is exactly whole-
sale price on them today.

Tepee Blackberries, 10c
per can.....

Wholesale price today is \$1.15 a dozen.
Tremain Preserved Black- 10c
berries, per can.....

Wholesale price today is \$1.25 a dozen.
Tremain Preserved Rasp- 10c
berries, per can.....

Wholesale price today is \$1.35 a dozen.
Mason Bros. & Davis' 10c
solid meat Tomatoes, can

Ruby tomatoes, 10c
per can.....

A large Chicago wholesale house offered to buy
all these goods we had at \$1.00 per dozen re-
cently. We refused the offer; the benefit is
yours.

Monarch extra Tomatoes, 2 13c
for 25c; per can.....

Richelieu extra Tomatoes, 2 13c
for 25c; per can.....

Royalton's Stringless Beans, 10c
3 for 25c; per can.....

Richelieu Stringless Beans, 15c
per can, straight.....

Richelieu Golden Wax Beans, 13c
2 for 25c; per can.....

Monarch Golden Wax Beans, 15c
per can.....

Monarch French Lima Beans, 15c
per can.....

Richelieu French Lima 20c
Beans, per can.....

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Richelieu Moorpark Apricots 30c
in extra fine syrup, can....

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NOT AN ACCIDENT LOCAL MAN SAYS

EX MAN O'WARSMAN TALKS OF THE EXPLOSION.

Manager Slater, of the Telephone Office Says the Experience Of Seven Years Naval Service For Queen Victoria Convinces Him That a Torpedo Was Used.

"The Maine was blown up with a torpedo. I know it, and an investigation will prove it. I served seven years in the navy, and I know from experience that the explosion that wrecked that big boat was not the explosion of a boiler, or of gas in the coal bunkers. It was treachery, and should be punished," said Manager Slater, of the local Wisconsin Telephone office this noon. "They cannot make me believe that was an accident. I have seen explosions of gas in coal bunkers on men of war," Mr. Slater continued, "and know all about them. An explosion of gas would not explode the magazine, even if the coal bunkers and the magazine were close together. The magazines are too well protected with armor for that. If a boiler had exploded, or if the center magazine—which is always the largest one—had exploded, the ship would have been blown to atoms, and not a man would have been saved."

Evidence of Treachery.

"If a boiler had exploded, both magazines would have been exploded. The boilers on the Maine were between the forward and midship magazines. If the boiler should burst, both magazines would have exploded if one did. 'No man could get into the magazine with a hand grenade as the magazines are guarded jealously at all times. They are closed at sundown, under ironclad regulations unless the ship is in action. That explosion was caused by a torpedo, and nothing else. If they send down divers they will find this to be true. It is not, in my judgment, possible for the destruction of that ship by any such accident as has been suggested."

Mr. Slater was a sailor in the British navy. He took part in the bombardment of Alexandria, being in service on H. M. S. "Orient."

He has "smelled powder" and is familiar with naval matters both in time of peace and in time of war.

GET GOOD PRICE FOR HORSES

Chicago and Rockford Buyers Visit Janesville in Search of Animals.

Chicago and Rockford parties have been in this city and vicinity of late, looking for horses of the heavy draft variety, for shipment into the Michigan pinery regions. In several instances good prices were paid. The buyers report a scarcity of good horses, and say that the time is not far off when a horse will bring a handsome price. One ship recently took to Europe several head of fine roadsters, that brought on average of \$400. This shows a wonderful demand, which, as it takes five years to produce a horse ready for market, it is not easy to fill.

A CLAIM AGENT WAS HERE

Several Cases in His Line Reported in This Vicinity.

Claim Agent Belden of the Chicago & Northwestern road has been in the city during the past few days having on hand several claim cases that at present need immediate attention. "There are now some half dozen cases in this vicinity that the Northwestern company are planning on settling," said a local railroad man today, "and in nearly every instance they are men who have had either their arms or fingers injured while coupling cars."

CYCLE PRICES THE THEME

Local Dealers Getting Anxious Regarding '98 Wheels.

There is likely to be plenty of fun in Janesville this summer among the bicycle dealers. Wheels that will sell for \$25 will be numerous on the market and if there is a demand for a lower priced wheel the eastern manufacturers will supply it. Colonel Pope's managers write that if there is any slashing in prices they intend to take a hand this year. To start with they will put a \$15 wheel on the market and will willingly meet all other dealers in whatever rate they make.

NEW SHOE FIRM COMING

F. L. Quatsoe of Green Bay, Has Leased Trulson & Peterson's Stand.

F. L. Quatsoe, of the firm of Busch & Quatsoe, Green Bay, has leased the former Trulson & Peterson shoe store of F. S. Eldred. Possession to be given April 1. The lease runs for one year with the privilege of four. Busch & Quatsoe have two stores in Green Bay and promise Janesville a first class establishment. The store will be remodeled throughout.

Surprise on John Bond

On Monday, friends surprised John Bond of North Dakota, who is visiting his uncle, A. O. Williams, 55 Racine street.

Last Monday evening when everything was well, Johnny went to answer the door bell. He opened wide the door. And there stood twenty friends or more. He soon made up his mind it was a surprise, a genuine.

They all came in for a good time. Without eulogy or whist or anything in the card line.

They played progressive dominos until it was time to close. They gave Johnny the first prize because they could not do otherwise. The supper was a success. And all went home feeling their best, because they had surprised a man from out west.

NEWS OF THE CITY IN BRIEF.

CALL up the Blue Line.

BLUE Line; you'll find a swift line.

PLENTY of fresh fish for Friday at Sanborn's.

CONCORDIA society masquerade Monday evening.

GIVE me a 5 cent cigar, and be sure it's a Blue Line.

HELP wanted next Monday. M. H. Soverhill warehouse.

ATTEND T. P. Burns' special sale of all winter goods.

HEAR that full orchestra at the Y. M. C. A. building tomorrow night.

WILLIAM GRIMES, a plain drunk, went to jail this morning for three days.

ARTNA club 10c cigars sound well by name, and smoke just as well as they sound.

THE Concordia masquerade Monday evening will be the grandest thing in the society's history.

FANNIE RICE was in it at the opera house, but she will not be in it at the Concordia masquerade.

THE Glee club from the Blind institute will sing at the Y. M. C. A. concert tomorrow night.

WE give the men another opportunity of buying 3 pairs of 15c hose for 25c, tomorrow, Thursday.

WANTED—An increase of force, especially sorters, at the Soverhill warehouse Monday morning.

ONLY nine more days of the Leader. March 1 sees the end. Plenty of bargains left. Look up large ad, page 8.

MISS MARY L. RICHARDSON entertained The Club, last evening, whilst prizes being won by Mrs. Twigg B. Wiggins and Fred S. Sheldon.

THE Art League will meet with Mrs. J. S. Bowdoin, 254 South Bluff street, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THE Royal Neighbors will meet with Mrs. Theo. Acheson Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A full attendance is required.

THE Ladies' Aid society of Court Street church will meet with Mrs. T. Sager, 105 Center street, on Friday at 2 o'clock.

FIVE different soloists in the concert at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night.

For variety, popularity and real pleasure they are superior over any other year.

NINE days more of the Leader stock; all goods must be sold by March 1st. If you think Lowell is fooling about the matter look up prices in the large ad, page 8.

CLOCKS are moving rapidly at our one-fourth price; don't forget that we are selling our \$10.00 clocks for \$2.50, our \$12.00 clocks at \$3.00; our \$20.00 for \$5.00 and our \$25.00 garments at \$6.25. T. P. Burns.

WONDERFUL how Javanese coffee catches the drinkers of high priced coffee; its consumption increases each month; never so good an article put out for the money; 10c for pound package. Sanborn.

\$75 invested in stock speculation last week on our advice netted \$312.50 to a customer today. Our private information on stocks unequalled. Wm. C. Crolius, broker. Stocks, wheat and provisions. 8 Lappin block.

FOR a month we will take subscriptions to the "Metropolitan Glass of Fashion," published by the Butterick Publishing Co., a regular 50 cent per year magazine for 25 cents. See large ad, Bort, Bailey & Co.

THE "Metropolitan Glass of Fashion" is published monthly, has 48 pages and regularly sells at 50c per year. For one month we will take subscriptions for the entire year at 25c. See large ad page 8. Bort, Bailey & Co.

THIRTY dollars invested in wheat on Monday netted a customer \$87.50 today. Our forecasts did it. Wheat 1,000 bushels to 5,000 and upward; corn and oats 5,000 bushels and upward. Wm. C. Crolius, 8 Lappin block.

FIFTEEN HEIRS FIGHT HIM

James Connell Sues For Nine Years Wages From His Father's Estate.

Whether or not James Connell will receive pay for nine years work that claims to have done on the Patrick Connell farm in the town of Rock Ju go Sale must decide. Connell claims that a balance of \$1000 is due him from the estate for wages from the time he was 21 till he reached the age of 30.

Fifteen children were interested in the action.

REV. V. E. SOUTHWORTH HERE

He Is Preparing to Move His Family to Greeley, Col.

Rev Victor E. Southworth, formerly pastor of the Peoples church in this city has returned from Greeley, Colorado but says he has decided to locate permanently in Greeley. As soon as he can attend to business matters here he will move his family west. Greeley is a place of but 3000 people but is growing rapidly.

A WOLF CAUGHT IN A TRAP

Arthur C. Barrett and William Chant Got Results the Elfrt Week.

Arthur C. Barrett and William Chant of the town of Turtle, set a trap on the William Gates farm, this week, and caught a large gray wolf. A shot from a revolver killed it, and the bounty will be claimed.

WERE CAUGHT BY CUPID

Martin-Ford

Announcement is made that Harry B. Martin and Katherine D. Ford were married Monday, January 10, at Chicago. They will be at home at 3128 Rhodes avenue. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Ford.

CANNOT PLAY BALL ON THE HOLY DAY

SUNDAY GAMES PUT UNDER THE BAN.

Local Union Will Put a Stop To the Practice Next Season, Holding That City Ordinances and State Law Are On Their Side of the Question.

No more Sunday base ball playing will be tolerated in this city, either on Snipe Hill, at Athletic Park or any other place.

The plan to stop games, is the result of a recent meeting of the local union of the young people's societies of Christian Endeavor, Epworth Leagues, and the Y. M. C. A. The city ordinances and the state law are sufficient to stop the practice.

The Y. M. C. A. had charge of Athletic park last year and will again manage the grounds for the three years if they see fit to renew the lease. The recent effort to secure Athletic park for Sunday ball playing has had much to do with this late move on the part of the local societies.

"The reason why the games in the past have not been interfered with," said Secretary Kline, "was that no one ever made a complaint. This summer there will be no ball playing on Sunday either on Snipe Hill or in any other part of the city as the law will be enforced."

MISS WILLARD WORSE

Dispatches From New York Say That Her Condition Is Now Critical.

Dispatches to The Gazette from New York late this afternoon announce that Miss Willard is worse today.

Friends at her bedside are greatly alarmed.

WISCONSIN NEWS IN BRIEF

The snow fall has made it possible to resume logging operations in the timber.

E. J. Kellner, formerly of the Hotel Williamson of Manitowish has opened the Beaumont hotel in Mayville.

The Commercial club of West Superior has taken steps to make an exhibit at the Omaha exposition.

Irving Clark, a student in the Brillion High school, received a stroke of paralysis yesterday while in his class.

The students of Kemper hall, Kenosha, celebrated St. Valentine's day by presenting the play, Romeo and Juliet.

Mary Simonson of Racine is missing and it is thought that she has eloped with Hans Anderson. The girl is but 14 years of age.

The main portion of the Diamond Match company's plant at Oshkosh is to be enlarged. More room is called for by an increase of business.

David Conger, the actor, who eloped with Miss Marguerite Louis, who is said to be the daughter of wealthy Kansas City people, is in Marinette with his bride.

FROM THE NURSERY.

"Oh, Tommy, what are you doing with my Puggie?"

"Nothing—only teaching him to swim."—Fliegende Blaetter.

But She Remembers.

A man remembers his alphabet. No matter how long is his life. The letters which he forgets are the ones He promised to mail for his wife.

A Matter of Direction.

"Aren't you afraid that child is rather forward in its conversation?" asked the bachelor relative.

"Oh, no, indeed," replied the fond mother serenely. "It's all we can do to keep it from talking back."—Washington Star.

A Recommendation.

Mrs. Slimdick—So you have placed yourself under the care of a physician who reduces superfluous flesh? Did he recommend any special diet?

New Boarder—No, madam. He simply recommended your boarding house.

A Novel Way.

Grandpa invited Dorothy to go with him to feed the chickens in the morning after her arrival at the farm. On her return to the house she inquired, shyly: "Grandpa, do all hens eat with their noses?"—Judge.

Consistent in His Vegetarianism.

Brown—I thought you were a vegetarian; but I hear you eat mutton.

Robinson—I am not a bigoted vegetarian. I only eat the meat of such animals as live on vegetable food.

NEWS OF A PERSONAL NATURE

FREE BLAKELY is home.

GEORGE LUCE was in Madison.

FRANCIS GRANT is home from Jefferson.

STANLEY B. SMITH spent the day in Edgerton.

E. P. WIXOM spent the day in Edgerton.

JUDGE John R. Bennett is home from Jefferson.

EDWARD RILEY, now of Chicago, is visiting in town.

REV. J. E. HARLIN was down today from Edgerton.

SHERIFF Acheson has been ill during the past few days.

MRS. LEONE SMITH, of Rockford, is the guest of Mrs. Luce.

Mrs. H. O. Willitz, now of Milwaukee, is visiting in town.

T. B. THATCHER formerly of this city is here from Chicago.

UNDER Sheriff Wallace Cochrane had business today in Edgerton.

J. G. CARR and S. O. Carr, of Milton Junction, was in town today on their way to the Broadhead farm institute.

C. W. WILLIAMS, formerly of Independence, Ia., and now a resident of Galesburg, Ill., was in the city today the guest of Fred O. Stillson.

J. T. WILCOX returned from Milwaukee last night where he attended a meeting of the Grand Chapter of Masons. Mr. Wilcox was a delegate from the Janesville Chapter.

Fish! Fish! Fish!

Our store is the recognized fish market of the city and why shouldn't it be? We certainly have done and are doing all in our power to make it so.

Every week we lay in a stock of the choicest fresh fish procurable. We have a complete list for Friday's trade and the choicest stock of Baltimore oysters direct from the oyster beds, in the only oyster refrigerator in the city. Sanborn & Co.

The Flour Center.

The place to buy flour the year around and know you are getting it cheaper than others is at Sanborn's Gold Medal as good a patent flour as there is made we ask only \$1.30 a sack. Hard To Beat just as good as its name implies, we ask only \$1.25 for. Wheat up to \$1 a bushel therefore wholesale price of flour is up. We watch favorable opportunities and buy in large quantities so that we can afford to sell at lower prices than others. It is so in most every line, you will a saving in coming here to buy Sanborn & Co.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

"Mrs. Trelawney," said Francis Wallingford, "there is something that I have for a long time wished to say to you."

The president of the Society For the Squelching of Husbands looked over her glasses and frowned. She evidently knew what was coming, but after a moment's silence she said in her most impressive platform tones:

"Well, go on. What is it?"

"I—I love your daughter, Miss Gladys. I have reason to believe that she returns my passion, and I want to ask you to give her into my keeping."

Mrs. Trelawney's features hardened, and there was a cold, metallic ring in her voice as she answered:

"What recommendation have you to offer for yourself? How can you convince me that you will always love her—that you will always think her beautiful?"

"She looks like her mother," said Francis Wallingford. "That is enough to convince me that her beauty will not diminish as her years increase. Of course I know that this can hardly be regarded as a final test. You have not reached the age at which women begin to lose their."

They were interrupted then, but he got the girl.—Cleveland Leader.

Fighting For His Own.

A short time ago two highway robbers attacked an old Scotsman on the Glasgow and Carlisle road. The Scotsman, being a strong, powerful man, let out right and left, knocking the two ruffians about unmercifully; but, being two to one, he was soon overpowered and his money taken. After they had got clear away one thief said:

"I'm blowed if he hasn't nearly broke my jaw."

"I reckon," said the other, "that he's broken one of my ribs at least. How much did yer git off him?"

After searching among some buttons the reply came:

"Two ha'pennies."

"Good heavens!" cried the other, holding his ribs. "How would he 'a' fought for sixpence?"—Answers.

POLICE CHIEF SAYS HE HAS JACK HESS

FARGO OFFICERS THINK THEY ARE RIGHT.

Hold a Suspect Answering The Description and Send Here For Further Information As to His Identity—Photograph Is Sent Him—Ideas of Officers.

Chief of Police Howland, of Fargo, N. D., thinks he has caught Jack Hess, and has notified Sheriff Acheson that is detaining a man answering the description of the much wanted Janesville man.

He says the description tallies, and writes Sheriff Acheson asking for further information.

Sheriff Acheson has sent Hess' photograph to Fargo.

Chief Hogan and Officer Appleby both expressed the opinion that the suspect was very likely to be Hess, as he was more likely to be in Dakota or Minnesota than in Wisconsin. His natural inclination would be, they say, to get away from Chicago, and Wisconsin, hence they believe he went north.

However, the man may or may not, be Jack.

CHICAGO MARKETS BY WIRE

Furnished by William C. Crolius, broker and banker, stocks, grain and provisions, Rock, Corbin, correspondent, Robert Lindblom & Co., Chicago.

Market Quotations, Feb. 17.

Wheat—

Feb. 1.06-5 1.06 1.03 1.04 1.04 1.04

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July 5.27 5.27 5.20 5.20 5.20 5.20

May wheat. Puts opened at 1.00 1/2 and closed at 98 1/2. Calls opened at 1.49 and closed at 1.08.

Corn puts opened at 30 1/2 and closed at 30 1/2. Calls opened at 31 1/2 and closed at 31 1/2.

To CURE HEADACHE IN 15 MINUTES

Take Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache. 25c.

Seasonable Finance.

"So they're reorganizing the company?"

"Yes."

"What's the reason for that?"

"New crop of suckers, I suppose."—Chicago Journal.

Not a Gardener.

Outskirts—My wife always calls a spade a spade.

Towne—That's because you live in the country. I think my wife would be apt to call a spade a shovel.—Up-to-Date.

A Rainy Day.

Talented Boy—Papa, may I get my paints, and paint a picture?

Practical Father—Not now, my son; but you may get some lime and whitewash the cellar.—N. Y. Weekly.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

A Gift of \$500.

Rev. Victor E. Southworth offers for sale at once, his home in Forest Park, which cost to build two years ago \$2500. This piece of property will be sold for \$1800. Gas, Bath, Water Closet, Furnace, Hard wood floors. Finished in oak. Call at once. Garfield Ave., Forest Park.

Stamped Linen Sale.

Postponed to Monday Tuesday and Wednesday

All Stamped Linens in our store at special prices these three days.

DOILIES, CENTER PIECES, LUNCH CLOTHS, DRESSER COVERS,

FREE

Friday afternoon, lessons in Art Embroidery.

Free To Purchasers

Of stamped pieces. Full line of Wash Silks for shading any of the designs.

HELEN SERVATIUS.

We fit all Gloves to the hand.

Good for Babies....

Smith's Wild Cherry Cough Balm is perfectly safe to use for children, as well as adults.

It is a good, honest, household remedy for coughs, colds and lung troubles.

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MORNING PAPERS' STORY OF MAINE.

Havana, Feb. 17.—The destruction of the United States battleship Maine in Havana harbor Tuesday night resulted in the death of 258 men. The total number of the crew was 354 and of these only 96 are now alive. Many of the survivors are suffering serious wounds and several more may die from their injuries.

Capt. Sigsbee, in his official dispatch to the navy department, places Engineer Merritt and Boatswain Jenkins among the missing. The explosion, it is said, occurred in the forward part of the vessel, and not in the Santa Barbara magazine, as was at first supposed. Fire followed directly after the explosion, which was fearful in its violence. Capt. Sigsbee himself was wounded slightly in the head, but it was not serious enough to disable him. He remained perfectly cool throughout all the excitement which followed the explosion, and gave directions for looking after the sinking battleship and caring for the wounded. The great battleship, it is thought, will be a total loss. Capt. Sigsbee himself acknowledges as much.

The explosion, it is said by some, was caused by over 600 pounds of gun cotton, and the subsequent explosion is alleged to have been caused by shells and cartridges.

Lieutenant Commander Wainwright of the Maine was half undressed at 9:45 p. m. and was smoking in his cabin, next to that of Capt. Sigsbee, it is said, when the explosion occurred and put out the electric lights. Wainwright then lit a match and went to Capt. Sigsbee's cabin. The captain, it appears, had been thrown from his bed, but was uninjured. They both went on deck and gave orders to flood 2,500 pounds of gun cotton which was on board. The order was carried out, but the men who fulfilled it never returned. Havana, however, was saved from a still more terrible explosion.

Capt. Sigsbee, interviewed with reference to the cause of the explosion, said: "I cannot determine the cause, but competent investigators will decide whether the explosion was produced from an interior or an exterior cause. I cannot say anything until after such an investigation has been made. I will not and cannot conscientiously anticipate the decision, nor do I wish to make any unjust estimate of the reason for the disaster."

When the explosion occurred Capt. Sigsbee was below, but he rushed up on deck in his shirt sleeves and gave orders. Efforts were at first made to save the vessel, but when Capt. Sigsbee realized the extent of the damage done and that many casualties had occurred he bent all his energies to assuring the safety of his men.

The report was heard in the city, and crowds immediately flocked to the harbor front. Flames at that time were bursting from the battleship. The greatest excitement prevailed among those on shore. The commander of the Spanish ship Alfonso XII. immediately had boats lowered and sent to the assistance of the Maine. These boats picked up several sailors of the Maine, who were swimming. They also rescued several of the wounded.

Half an hour after midnight thirty-six of the crew had been carried to the military hospital of San Ambrosio. They were all most seriously wounded. Five others of the crew were taken to the Alfonso XII. hospital.

On board the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII. twenty-six of the wounded were treated, and thirty-six were succored on board the City of Washington.

The Maine at the time of the explosion was at anchor about 500 yards from the arsenal and some 200 yards from the floating dock. The explosion put out the street lights near the wharf and blew down telephone and telegraph wires in that vicinity.

Admiral Manterola and Gen. Solano put off to the Maine soon after the explosion and offered their services to Capt. Sigsbee.

CALM AT WASHINGTON.

No Thirst for Vengeance Apparent in Official Circles.

Washington, Feb. 17.—In the face of a terrible disaster, the sudden destruction of one of the finest ships of our navy, with appalling loss of life and under circumstances which naturally arouse suspicion of treachery and warm the fires of anger, a strange and splendid calm prevails in the national capital. There is grief, and doubt, and anxiety, but not a trace of passion, not a sign of thirst for vengeance in advance of full ascertainment of the truth.

In administration circles as well as among the statesmen of congress there is but a single thought, and that a cool and reasoning one. It is that this great calamity is a national grief. The wounded are to be cared for, the dead honored and their relatives succored.

The facts are to be learned. If it then appear that Spanish treachery or hate has brought on this disaster, if that noble ship was sent to the bottom of Havana harbor by an enemy's torpedo, there will be time enough to deal with that phase of the matter in a manner becoming a great and powerful nation.

For the present there is but one theory officially held in Washington. It is that the Maine met her fate through an accident through spontaneous combustion of some of the war materials stored between her decks, or

other combination of causes. At the white house the statement is semi-officially made that the government has no reason to suspect anything but accident, and that, though the cause of it is as yet inexplicable, a full and searching inquiry will be made as rapidly as possible.

WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT.

Rumor That Captain Sigsbee Has Made His Report.

Washington, Feb. 17.—A rumor is afloat that Secretary Long has received a dispatch from Captain Sigsbee, via Key West, which announces the captain's conclusions, reached after a hasty examination.

Captain Sigsbee expresses the belief, the story goes, that whether the explosion originated from without or within, it was made possible by the enemy. The report is that the captain requested that this intimation of his suspicions be considered confidential until he could conduct a more extended investigation.

It is stated, also, that this information from the Maine's commander was laid before the president, at whose suggestion Assistant Secretary Day cabled Consul General Lee to make whatever examination was possible himself and render assistance to Captain Sigsbee.

In the same dispatch it is asserted that Captain Sigsbee said that not more than one hour prior to the explosion the magazines and boilers had been carefully inspected, thus in his judgment precluding the possibility of an accident from that quarter.

NOT THE WORK OF AN ENEMY.

Secretary Long Thinks That No Foreign Cause Caused the Explosion.

Washington, Feb. 17.—After a day of intense excitement at the navy department and elsewhere growing out of the destruction of the battle ship Maine in Havana harbor, the situation after the exchange of a number of cablegrams between Washington and Havana can be summed up in the words of Secretary Long, who, when asked, as he was about to depart for the day, whether he had reason to suspect that the disaster was the work of an enemy, replied:

"I do not. In this view I am influenced by the fact that Captain Sigsbee has not yet reported to the navy department on the cause. He was evidently waiting to write a full report. So long as he does not express himself I certainly cannot. I should think from the indication, however, that there was an accident—that the magazine exploded. How that came about I do not know. For the present, at least, no other war ship will be sent to Havana."

LEE TELLS PEOPLE TO BE COOL.

Asks Them to Repress Excitement Till the Truth Be Known.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The following cablegram was received by the state department from Consul General Lee: "Profound sorrow expressed by government and municipal authorities, consuls of foreign nations, organized bodies of all sorts and citizens generally. Flags at half mast on governor general's palace, on shipping in harbor and in city. Business suspended; theaters closed. Dead number about 260. Officers' quarters being in rear and seamen's forward, where explosion took place, accounts for greater proportional loss of sailors. Suppose you ask that naval court of inquiry be held to ascertain cause of explosion. Hope our people will repress excitement and calmly await decision."

Naval Officers Indignant.

Newport, R. I., Feb. 17.—While none of the officers here cares to be quoted by name the belief is current at the naval war college and the training station that the disaster to the Maine was due to Spanish treachery. It is the belief of the experts here that the true solution of the mystery will be found when the Maine is raised, her bent and broken plates, blown outward by the magazine explosion, bearing unmistakable witness to the fact that some one on board was responsible for the disaster. This person, they believe, was a member of the Maine's crew, who calculated when the explosion would take place and made his escape in time.

Sympathy from Madrid.

Madrid, Feb. 17.—The news of the disaster to the Maine has caused a painful impression in Madrid. It was at first feared that there had been some act of imprudence, to which the catastrophe was attributable. Afterward, as the details arrived, the fears dispelled took the form of feelings of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune which has occurred. The government has expressed to Minister Woodford the regret it feels at the catastrophe, more especially as it occurred in waters within Spanish jurisdiction.

London Press Talks Treachery.

London, Feb. 17.—The headlines of all newspapers hint that the disaster points to treachery, either Cuban or Spanish, and the papers allude to the excitement and resentment at the Maine's dispatch to Havana. The newspapers also publish long descriptions of the Maine, with the names of her officers. They describe Capt. Sigsbee as an eminent officer and publish accounts of his career.

The Daily Chronicle says: "British sorrow and sympathy are little less

vivid than if the casualty had happened to one of our own ships."

General Coppinger's Views.

Omaha, Feb. 17.—Brigadier General Coppinger thinks that Capt. Sigsbee's advice to suspend judgment until more is learned concerning the destruction of the Maine is very wise. The theory that experiments with explosives on board the Maine was the cause of the disaster General Coppinger thinks is improbable, as experiments would scarcely be conducted at that time of night. He says the explosion could have come about in much the same way that caissons exploded when jarred, and that such occurrences can in no way be guarded against.

De Lome Leaves for Home.

New York, Feb. 17.—Senor Dupuy de Lome, former Spanish minister at Washington, sailed Wednesday on the White Star liner Britannic with his wife and sons. He expressed the keenest regret when told of the catastrophe which befell the United States battle ship Maine in Havana harbor, and said he was certain investigation would prove that no Spaniard was in any way responsible for the disaster.

Wheeler Is Ready for War.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the ex-Confederate cavalry commander, now a member of the house from Alabama, sent the following message to the President: "To the Honorable President:—In case of any trouble with Spain, remember that my tender of services is on file at the war department."

"JOSEPH WHEELER."

Madrid Is Excited.

Madrid, Feb. 17.—The excitement here is such that the government is taking extra precautions to guard against outbreaks. The people may bring about war and they are ready for it. The guards about the residence of Minister Woodford have been strengthened.

Vesuvius Off for Key West.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 17.—The dynamite cruiser Vesuvius has left here for Key West, there to await further instructions.

Attorney-General's Reply.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Attorney-General Griggs replied Wednesday to the Harris resolution, which passed the senate. The attorney-general says: "Answering specifically the questions contained in the resolution of the senate, I would say that I have not authorized any agreement by which the property is to be sold for the face value of the subsidy bonds, nor has the government agreed not to be a bidder at the sale. The only agreement made was to discontinue the motion for a postponement of redemption and the appointment of a receiver upon the guaranty that the minimum bid by the reorganization committee should be the principal of the government debt. The property will be sold at public sale in open competition to such party as may offer the highest bid, subject only to the stipulation obtained in open court on Saturday last that the minimum bid will be \$6,303,000 instead of \$2,500,000 as formerly fixed by the court."

Victory for Unions.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 17.—In contrast to the decision handed down recently Vice Chancellor Stevens of New Jersey in the case of trades' union labels is one just handed down by the Supreme court of this state. The New Jersey decision holds that all laws granting labor unions the exclusive use of labels on union made goods are unconstitutional. The Massachusetts finding is that trades' unions are entitled to the same protection for their labels as merchants and manufacturers receive for trademarks.

Eastern Miners to Strike.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 17.—The first official announcement of a bituminous coal miners' strike to be called April 1, in the eastern competitive fields—West Virginia, Maryland and Hocking valley, Ohio—was made Wednesday in the Pennsylvania miners' state convention. It came in the form of an appeal to miners to organize and secure funds for the coming struggle for a 10 per cent advance and an eight-hour day. It is estimated that 50,000 miners will be ordered out.

Iowa Women Disappointed.

Des Moines, Feb. 17.—The woman's suffrage question will probably not be heard again in the house unless the senate should happen to pass the re-submission resolution, which is not at all probable. The women are disappointed, but not discouraged.

A. O. U. W. Officers Elected.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 17.—The Michigan grand lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, adopted the classification assessment plan of life insurance. Charles Golling, Alpena, was elected grand master workman.

Gold Output of Yukon.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 17.—A return presented to parliament gives the amount of gold taken out of the Yukon from 1886 to 1897, inclusive, as over \$4,000,000. In 1897 the amount was \$2,500,000.

KARL's Clover Root Tea for constipation. It's the best and it's after using it you don't say so return the package and get your money. For sale by People's Drug Co.

OYSTERS direct from Baltimore in our only oyster refrigerator in the city. Sanborn.

ARE READY TO STRIKE.

Within 24 Hours Our Ships Could Blockade Every Cuban Port.

New York, Feb. 17.—Three flag officers of the United States navy are watching events at Washington, Madrid and Havana with great interest. Each of these three commanders has received telegraphic orders to hold his ship in readiness for active service and to keep it fully coaled and provisioned at all times.

Cruisers and gunboats not regularly attached to the command of Rear Admiral Sclard have been moved from point to point in the Caribbean sea, until today there is an American flag floating over frowning broadsides of guns within easy striking distance of every port on the northern and southern coasts of Cuba.

Within twenty-four hours from the declaration of hostilities every port in Cuba and Porto Rico could be sealed by a blockade, while a fleet of our ponderous battle ships would be thundering away at the castles which guard Havana harbor.

THE LABORER LOSES.

Mill Men Declare Present Reduction No Based Upon Any Exigency Whatever.

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 17.—At the legislative hearing as to the condition of the cotton manufacturing industry in this state, Representative Ross, for the operatives, said that in most lines wages were higher than they were fifteen years ago, but in the cotton trade this was not so, and at the present time wages were 20 per cent lower than in 1893.

Many mill men admitted that the present reduction would not benefit them. The machinery was run at the highest possible speed. If the reduction went into effect the buyer would demand all the manufacturer had taken from the operative, and in a few weeks at the longest all advantages of the cut-down would be lost. The market was glutted, and nothing would be gained by forcing lower cost goods into it. Mr. Ross said that he personally knew of cases where mills increased their output after reducing their hours of labor. None of the manufacturers had pointed out a single thing operating against them, except the shortening of hours.

A BARBAROUS SURGICAL OPERATION

For the Cure of Piles.

Is not only intensely painful, dangerous to life and very expensive, but in the light of modern medical research and since the discovery of the Pyramid Pile Cure a surgical operation is wholly unnecessary. If you have any doubt on this point kindly read the following letters from people who know that our claims regarding the merits of the Pyramid Pile Cure are borne out by the facts.

From N. A. Stall, Ridge Road, Niagara Co., N. Y.: "I received your Pyramid Pile Cure and tested it last night. It did me more good than anything I have ever found yet, and remember this was the result of one night's treatment only."

From Penn W. Arnett, Batesville, Ark.: "Gentlemen:—Your Pyramid Pile Cure has done me so much good in so short a time that my son-in-law, Capt. T. J. Klein, of Fort Smith, Ark., has written me for your address as he wishes to try it also."

From A. E. Townsend, Bensville, Ind.: "I have been so much benefited by the Pyramid Pile Cure that I enclose \$1 for which please send a package which I wish to give to a friend of mine who suffers very much from piles."

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Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 17.—The widow of Oliver P. Morton, the war governor of Indiana, and his son, Oliver T. Morton, have approved a plaster model for a statue of the late senator by Sculptor Niehaus of New York to be placed in statuary hall, Washington.

Frank C. Jackson Is Honored.
Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 17.—The grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin concluded its forty-eighth annual session Wednesday, after electing officers. Frank C. Jackson of West Superior was elected grand high priest.

No Action Taken on Hawaii.
Des Moines, Feb. 17.—Hawaiian annexation suffered defeat in the senate Wednesday, not on the merits of the question, but because the senate was opposed to taking up matters that it was felt should be left to congress to dispose of.

Sam Pinkney—Will you allow me to put you on skates on, Miss Mokeby?
Miss Mokeby (angrily)—D'you mean 'skate' dat yo' could get mah skates on dem feet ob yours?—Puck.

Easy Enough.
Judge—How do you explain your being found inside Maj. Brown's chicken coop last night?
Prisoner—Judge, dar war chickens inside de coop, sah.—Harlem Life.

A Far-Reaching Area.
Mistah Hayfoot—Get off mah feet, aligah!
Mistah Johnsing—Does yo' think I'm gwine into de nex' block to please yo', ol' brack trash?—N. Y. Journal.

The Power of Music.
She—Does her singing drive dull care away?
He—I don't know; but it drives her husband away, all right.—Yonkers Statesman.

Kind Sympathy.
The Fierce One—I do wish the Lord had made me a man.
The Gentle One—Perhaps He has, Amelia, dear, but you haven't been able to find him yet.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Tentative Indorsement.
"Your deceased husband was a good man, wasn't he, Mrs. Jackson?"
"Yes, sir; so far as I know."—Chicago Record.

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Cotton Clothes Line, 7c.
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Nickel plated Cuspidors, 7c.

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Match Safes, 3c.
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Glass Water Pitchers, 13c.
Trilby Curling Iron, 4c.
Glass Vinegar Cruet 4c.
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